

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re patent application of: ) Date: November 4, 2003

DAVID H. BROOKS, JR. et al. Attorney Docket No.: F-720

Serial No.: 10/674,775 ) Customer No.: 00919

Filed: Sept. 30, 2003 ) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

Confirmation No.: Not Yet Assigned ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: MAILING MACHINE WITH A REPOSITIONABLE USER CONTROLLER

#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

While this Information Disclosure Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b) exists.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(h), the filling of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b). Serial No.: 10/674,775 Docket No.: F-720

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in accordance with the following provisions, as identified below with marked boxes, available under 37 CFR § 1.97

1. [XXX] 37 CFR §1.97(b) - This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed according to one of the following: (i) within 3 months of the filing date of this application (other than a CPA); (ii) within 3 months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application; (iii) before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits; or (iv) before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114.

#### OR

2.	[ ] 37 CFR §1.97(c) - This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed
	before the mailing date of any of a final action under § 1.113, a notice of
	allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the
	application, and it is accompanied by the statement or fee as identified below:

- 2.1 [ ] Specified Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1) see below.
- OR 2.2 [ ] Specified Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(2) see below.
  OR
  - 2.3 [ ] Please charge Deposit Account No. 16-1885 in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in § 1.17(p).
  - \*\* Provisional Fee Authorization. If Box 2.1 or Box 2.2 is marked above and a final action under § 1.113 has in fact been mailed before the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 16-1885 in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in § 1.17(p) as if Box 2.3 had been market.

#### OR

- 37 CFR \$1.97(d) This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed on or before payment of the issue fee and it is accompanied by the statement and fee as identified below:
  - 3.1.1[ ] Specified Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1) see below. OR
  - 3.1.2[ ] Specified Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(2) see below. AND
  - 3.2 [ ] Please charge Deposit Account No. 16-1885 in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

Specified Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1) - Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

Specified Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(2) - No item of information contained in the Information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing below, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the

10674775 - GAU: 3628

Serial No.: 10/674,775 Docket No.: F-720

information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

A list of the patent(s) and/or publication(s) is set forth on the attached Form PTO-1449 (Modified).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 16-1885.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian A. Lemm Reg. No. 43,748

Attorney for Applicants Telephone (203) 924-3836

PITNEY BOWES INC. Intellectual Property and Technology Law Department 35 Waterview Drive

35 Waterview Drive P.O. Box 3000 Shelton, CT 06484-8000

Plus attachments: Form PTO-1449 (Modified)

FORM PTO-1449 (Modified)

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

BY APPLICANT

Atty. Docket Number	Serial No.		
F-720	10/674,775		
Applicant			
David H. Brooks, Jr. 6	et al.		
Filing Date	Group		
Sept. 30, 2003	Not Yet Assigned		

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
/DPV/	AA	6,013,878	01/11/00	Schwartz et al.			
	AB						
	AC						
	AD						
	AE				,		
	AF						
	AG						
	AH						
	Al				_		
	AJ						
	AK						

# FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED PATENT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY OR PATENT OFFICE	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION
AL						
AM						
AN						
AO						
AP						

# OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	AR	
	AS	

EXAMINER

/Daniel Vetter/

DATE CONSIDERED

09/22/2008

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.